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5. Date of Notification

28. 11. 2003

6. Item to be Amended

Claims

7. Subject Matter of Amendment

Dear Sir,

As per the attached sheets, the Applicant(s), who received the Written Opinion dated 28. 11. 2003 relating the above identified International Application, hereby file a written reply accompanied by an amendment under Article 34(2) (Rule 66.3).

IN THE CLAIMS

The Applicant(s) amend claims 1 and 3, and cancel claims 2 and 4 as follows, with additions underlined and deletions enclosed in brackets. Other claims remain unchanged:

1. (amended) A slotless permanent magnet rotary electric machinery, comprising a substantially cylindrical rotor incorporated with a permanent magnet, a stator iron core surrounding the rotor; and a coil provided between the rotor and stator core in a spaced relationship with respect to the rotor, characterized by that:

the coil comprises a plurality of turns which are shifted from one turn to another along the circumferential direction in a mutually overlapping manner; and

the coil turns are formed by a conductor having an elongated cross section, a long axis of the cross section extending in a radial direction,

wherein the conductor is provided with a rectangular cross section having a long side and short side, and the long side extends in a radial direction and wherein the rectangular cross section of the conductor is rounded at the four corners thereof.

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2. (canceled).

3. (amended) A slotless permanent magnet rotary electric machinery according to claim [2] 1, wherein the conductor consists of a Litz wire conductor.

4. (canceled)

5-9 (unchanged)

REMARKS

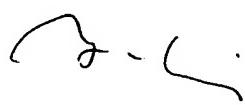
Claim 1 was amended to incorporate features recited in the original claims 2 and 4, and claim 3 was amended to depend from the amended claim 1. Thus, the amendments introduce no new matter.

As to the amended claim 1, the Applicant believes that none of the references cited in the International Search Report have disclosed a conductor provided with a rectangular cross section having a long side and short side, wherein the long side extends in a radial direction and wherein the rectangular cross section of the conductor is rounded at the four corners thereof.

Further, as to claim 5, the Applicant could find no teaching in the references cited as to using first and second wires having different diameters in wrapping a flat conductor in an edgewise fashion.

Thus, in the light of the amended claims submitted herewith and the arguments set forth above, the Examiner is respectfully requested to waive the objections as to patentability and issue a favorable International Examination Report.

Yours very truly,



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CLAIMS

1. (amended) A slotless permanent magnet rotary electric machinery, comprising a substantially cylindrical rotor incorporated with a permanent magnet, a stator iron core surrounding the rotor; and a coil provided between the rotor and stator core in a spaced relationship with respect to the rotor, characterized by that:
 - the coil comprises a plurality of turns which are shifted from one turn to another along the circumferential direction in a mutually overlapping manner; and
 - the coil turns are formed by a conductor having an elongated cross section, a long axis of the cross section extending in a radial direction,
 - wherein the conductor is provided with a rectangular cross section having a long side and short side, and the long side extends in a radial direction and wherein the rectangular cross section of the conductor is rounded at the four corners thereof.
- 15 2. (canceled).
3. (amended) A slotless permanent magnet rotary electric machinery according to claim 1, wherein the conductor consists of a Litz wire conductor.
- 20 4. (canceled)
5. A method of making a coil for a slotless permanent magnet rotary electric machinery, the coil including a plurality of turns of a flat conductor having a rectangular cross section including a long side and short side, the turns being formed

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B. FIELDS SEARCHED

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